

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 22, 23 and 26 are amended. Claim 25 is canceled. Claims 1 – 24 and 26-27 are pending. Claim 27 has been withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected species.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 1 – 21 are allowed, and that Claims 25 and 26 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 22 has been amended to incorporate the elements of allowable Claim 25. Claims 23 and 26 have been amended to reflect to modified wording of Claim 22. Given that Claim 22 is now allowable, consideration of withdrawn Claim 27, which is dependent on Claim 22, is requested.

In view of the forgoing amendments, all claims are now in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration and allowance of the claims is thus respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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